

RHODESIA PERFINS

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Non-member O J PEETOOM publishes "The Rhodesian Philatelist" from Ormskirk Stamps, C/o Roos Post Office, Roos, Near Hull, HU12 OHB, UK. He wrote me about Rhodesian perfins. Only one, BSA/C, could have been a true perfin as against perforators used to cancel fiscal stamps on documents. Even then I am unsure whether this was ever used on postage stamps.

He has asked me about straight line perforations like the ones I wrote about in the last Bulletin (279 Pg.13) which appear on the 1897 Rhodesian Large Arms stamps. The perfin takes the form of two parallel rows of straight line perforations, varying distances apart and not lined up one with the other.

Does any member know the reason for these or anything about them?